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Sincere Repentance

When a man sincerely offers repentance, God the Almighty forgives his previous sins and enables him to do good deeds; his prayer begins to be accepted and God becomes a friend of his friends and an enemy of his enemies. The ill portion that is destined to be his because of his misdeeds, is removed away from him. There is no need to support with arguments the fact that in this limited span of life man stands in great need of being protected against evil effects and he likes to remain safe and secure against the evil effects of his own misdeeds. This is possible only through true repentance. Thus one of the advantages of repentance is that God becomes the Protector and Guardian of the one who repents and puts away evil effects and keeps him safe from the evil designs that his enemies have against him. This treatment of God is not particularly vouchsafed to any one person; all the human beings are His creatures. Every one who comes to Him and obeys His commands will be treated like the one who, before him, repented (and got the favour of God)

He keeps every one who repents, away from the evils and He loves him.

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih Visits West African Ahmadiyya Missions

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III addressed a Press Conference on the 24th of April, at the Ambassador Hotel, Accra. There were about 15 representatives of the Newspapers and the Broad-casting Station. The medium of expression was English language. As soon as the conference started, Huzur smiled and remarked that the Ghanaian language is very sweet and that he had already learnt a few words which he repeated to the joy of every body present.

As for the theme of the message of Huzur it centred round the teachings of Islam on equality of man to man. Islam, he said, had brought the message of equality to this land and we are its guardians. We are responsible to tell the world that the greatest of all the men has declared that all are equal and he has included every one in his own category.

Answering a question on Communism he said, that it raises the question of human needs but it does not define the word "needs". Islam says that RABBUL ALLAMIN (the Sustainer of the worlds) has granted us talents and potentialities and He has also created means for their development. Thus we feel that it is the right of every-one that he should have full share of the means for the development of his talents. Islam is not satisfied with the minimum, it stresses the availability and achievement of the maximum.

As for the establishment of the Missions in West Africa, Huzur remarked that the Ahmadiyya Jamaat had no ulterior motives. "We have come to serve," he said. When he was asked what his message for the people of Ghana was, he said. "Let humans learn to love humans".

He further said that he was leaving a message for the Jamaat which was to the effect that they should enhance their efforts to serve the country through Schools and Colleges and Health Centres. They should also open their hearts to let God enter. He also drew the attention of the audience to the fact that the coming twenty to twentyfive years were crucial. It could be that mankind would annihilate itself with Atomic energy. Having answered a large number of their questions, Huzur said that he also would like to ask a few questions from the Newsmen. He then asked them some questions about the agricultural position of the country. The cold drinks were served at the close of the Conference.

On the 25th of April, Huzur led the Maghrib and Isha prayers together and returned to the Hotel (Accra). Talking to the friends gathered there he said that while going to Saltpond what he observed was that there were less churches here as compared with the road leading from Accra to Kumasi. He remarked that the wish that had gripped him was that a mosque should be built on this road at a distance of every five miles. "Future is ours" he said, and promised to send beautiful plans of the mosques to be built in that part of the world.

On the 26th, Huzur met the members of the Ashanti Jamaat. They also took a group photograph with him.

The next day he left for Ivory Coast. At the Abidjan Airport (Ivory Coast - 27th April) he was interviewed by pressmen whom he told that the aim of the visit was to deliver the message of God and to meet the members of the Jamaat and to find

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out as to how the people of these lands could be served better. He told them that if they utilised their capacities and talents to the best of their advantage, they could become the teachers of the world. But of course they could do so only through the prayers directed to God, the Omnipotent.

He also told the Newsmen that he was going to stay in the country for two days and it was their duty to let him know all about their people—their potentialities and their urgent needs.

The Conference over, he left for the Hotel Ivoire Intercontinental. The Maghrib prayer was offered in the mosque and there also the Khalifatul Masih addressed the members of the Jamaat. In his brief address he told the audience that the Holy Quran is a Kitab-um-Mubin and also a Kitab-um-Maknoon. As for its being Kitab-um-Maknoon, its hidden secrets were disclosed to the true servants of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, from time to time. When the secrets are revealed, such parts of the Holy Quran become Kitab-um-Mubin. In this age, he said, whatever was needed by mankind, was revealed to the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, from the hidden secrets of this Holy Book. The criticism that the present day science and philosophy has levelled against Islam, has been well rebutted by the Promised Messiah through his knowledge of the Holy Quran, vouchsafed to him by God.

In the end Huzur advised the members to be reciting Darud (Allahumma Salle-to the end) quite often. Therein, he said, lay great blessings of God.

On the 28th, Huzur met the Vice President of the country. The President himself had gone to the Airport (at the appointed time of the meeting) and had to over—stay there. He therefore rang up his vice to meet Huzur.

On the 29th, he invited the students (and a member of the staff) of the Ahmadiyya School to the hotel for refreshments. The children recited verses from the Holy Quran and Arabic poems. Quite a number of photographs were taken at this little but most significant function. The same day he left for Liberia.

On the 29th of April, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih left Ivory Coast and reached Liberia. A representative of the President Tubman was waiting for Huzur at the Airport (Roberts Field) with Government transport. As soon as Huzur landed there, he was met by the members of the Jamaat one of whom wanted to garland him with a garland tucked with Dollar Notes. Huzur refused to wear the garland and returned it with thanks. Huzur and Begum Sahiba went to V.I.P. lounge where he was met by the Muslim Governor Mr. Fafani Kumare and his assistant Alhaj V. C. Corneh. The representatives of the Television, Radio and Newspapers were also present.

Huzur addressed all of them and said, "Religion is a matter of the heart. Unless the hearts are won over, the religion cannot be said to have been accepted in the true sense of acceptance. Nobody can achieve this objective with a brutal force. It really requires love, sympathy and a sense of service." He further said, "My message is no other than the message of Islam, and which was announced to the world by the Holy Prophet Mohammad, peace and blessings of God be upon him, in the words that he himself was like every other human being. All the people are equal by birth and for the fact of their being human beings. All of them have the right that true religion must be presented to them. We believe that Islam is a living religion. God is a living Being. Mohammad, the Messenger of God, peace and blessings of God be upon him, is a living Messenger of God. It is of vital importance that in order to be a good

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Muslim in the true sense of the word, one should have a living relationship with God. It is possible to do so and we have experienced it ourselves. We believe that though there have been a large number of Wali-Ullah (Friends of God,) the chosen one of God our Chief and Master the Holy Prophet Mohammad, peace and blessings of God be upon him, stands highest in rank.

From the Airport he drove to the Hotel Ducor Inter Continental where the President of the country had himself arranged to reserve accommodation for Huzur and all other members of the retinue.

In the evening, Huzur met the President—Mr. William Tubman—at the Executive Mansion. The President was very glad to receive Huzur and delightfully said that he and his people were very fortunate to receive such an august visitor. Huzur presented an article of Pakistan handicraft to the President which he liked very much and accepted with great pleasure and sense cf gratitude.

The same day, the Jamaat had arranged a dinner in honour of Huzur and had invited highups in the Government as well the gentry from the town.

The Television reprcsentatives had been very active the whole day. In the evening they presented the scenes of Huzur's arrival at the Airport on the T. V. screen. The Radio also put up the news in full detail.

On the 30th of April, a Press Conference was arranged at the Hotel. No less than a dozen Correspondents were present. Answering their questions Huzur said that Jamaat had no ulterior motives in establishing the Islamic Missions in West Africa. "We do not take away even a cent from here", he said Whatever the donations were collected by the Jamaats here, he further remarked, were being spent for their own uplift. He also referred to the Ahmadiyya Medical Centres in Nigeria and said that the one in Kano had earned as much as 20,000 pounds, and the whole of this amount had been used for the development of the Medical Centre.

In answer to another question, Huzur remarked that the Jamaat as a whole was not allowed to take part in political affairs. "Our principle is that we always obey the Goverment of the day and we render it all the assistance that we can".

After the Press Conference, Huzur met the office bearers of the Jamaat whom he gave very valuable pieces of advice in respect of educational and propagational scheme of the Jamaat. Putting it in a nutshell, he said the real object was to serve the people in the best possible way we can. The office bearers put before him their own difficulties and sought their solution from him.

In the evening Huzur attended the State Dinner that the President had arranged in his honour. This Dinner was also attended by the Vice President, the Chief Justice, the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the Chairman of the Senate, the Members of the Parliament, twenty eight Ministers of State, thirteen Ambassadors of various countries, six Ambassadors of Liberia (who were in Liberia on leave), Heads of the Departments, Commissioners, Directers, Bishops and Press and Radio/Television representatives.

The President Tubman in his Welcome Address expressed his great pleasure for the honour that Huzur had done them with his visit and said that the presence of this spiritual King among them was a great blessing of God. "Though, I am a Christian" the President said, "I believe in one God. You may call him by any name—Allah or God —it must be remembered that the panecia for all the ills of the world today is belief in God and certainty in His Omnipotence. I look at the followers of all the religions with great respect. Today's Chief Guest is a great Spiritual

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personality. God hears his prayers and everybody who has insight can well understand that this man is very near to God I propose the Toast of your health".

In reply to this Addres:s, Huzur thanked the President and Mrs Tubman for the honour they had done him and the kind remarks the President had made He further said, "The real Being who deserves our hearty thanks is God the Almighty and therefore I offer my thanks to Him who has enabled my wife and me to visit this great land God alone is the source and fountain of all light and spiritual knowledge and it is His manifestations that we see all over the world and all the time. We bow before Him and pray to Him that He may grant the President—who is like a Father to his nation —and his honourable spouse good health and enable him to serve his country for a long time to come. Also, that God may bless all of you with peace and prosperity."

Coffee was served in another room and that brought the function (Dinner) to an end.

On the first of May Huzur left Liberia and reached the Gambia, where at the Airport of Yundum he was received by Maulana Mohammad Sharif, Amir & Missionary Incharge, Sir F. M. Singhatey, the Ex-Gover er General, Mr. T. B. Foon, Labour Commissioner (who visited Pakistan some time ago) and more than 200 members of the Jamaat who had come to receive Huzur from all the parts of the country-some of them had travelled as long a distance as 300 miles. Huzur shook hands with all of them and then went to lounge where he was interviewed by Mr. Manneh, a grand son of Sir F. M. Singhatey and head of the News Agency in Liberia.

Huzur was asked what the aim of his visit was and he replied that he had come to meet the people and that while there he felt that he was quite at home. When the questioner asked him what he was interested in, he smilingly (and his smile had a great charm for the Africans) replied that he was interested in the progress of the comman man. "For the fifty years," he said, "Ahmadiyya Jamaat has been serving the African territories and for all this period we have not taken away a penny from here. We have not come to exploit ; our main aim is service. The mission in the Gambia is a new one but I am glad to say that we have quite a good number of people who have joined the Jamaat and I am confident that within the next few years our Jamaat will very much grow in size". From the Airport Huzur went to the residence of Sir F. M. Singhatey.

On the next day (2-5-70) Huzur met the President of the country—Sir Daud K. Jawara who had secured 2/3 of the votes in the last Referendum and thus become the Constitutional Head of the State.

While talking to him Huzur told him of his future plans about the Gambia—the key note was that the Ahmadiyya Jamaat would serve the country with all the zeal and vigour—and of courious very selflessly. Huzur said, "I have brought a glorious present for you and that is the English translation of the Holy Quran with brief commentary (in the from of notes) with Arabic Text. Sir Daud stood up, out of respect, to receive the present. This was the first copy of this publication which was presented to anyone in West Africa.

In the evening, Huzur attended a Reception which had been arranged in his honour by Sir F.M. Singhatey at the Atlantic Hotel. Present at the Reception were Sir Daud, President of the Gambia, Alhaj Kablu Singhatey, Minister for Construction and Communication, Alhaj I. M. Gasha Johuna, Minister for Health and Social Affairs, Mr J. R. Firte, President of P. P. A.

(Political party), Imam Alhaj Y. Savage, The British High Commissioner, the American Ambassador, The Mayor of Bathurst and his Deputy, the Nigerian Ambassader, The Consul for Lebanon, The Minister for Education, a large number of Police Officers and gentry of the town. Huzur was introduced to every invitee.

After the Reception, Huzur spent some time with Alhaj Singhatey, Mr. T. B. Foon, the President of the Jamaat, Maulana Mohammad Sharif, Dr. Saeed Ahmad and some other members of the Jamaat. He discussed with them the future plans and the ways and means to achieve our objective of serving the people. The establishment of Schools and Health Centres formed the main topic of the discussion. Huzur also told them that it was intended to publish booklets with 200, 300, and 500 sentences of every day use. These booklets would be originally meant to learn Arabic and Urdu.

On the third of May, Huzur visited the Govt. Secondary School where approximately two hundred students waited for him to meet him and to hear him speak. Maulana Mohammad Sharif recited a portion of the Holy Quran before the Address of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III.

Huzur said, "My dear sons and daughters !

Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatohu. We the Ahmadis believe that Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian is the Promised Messiah and Mahdi. We also believe that he is the most beloved spiritual son of the Holy Prophet Mohammad, peace and blessings of God be upon him. The Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, loved the Promised Messiah and Mahdi so much that out of millions of his sons (followers) he picked him alone to send his greetings to him. We must always keep in mind as to why the Promised Messiah has been raised in this Age. He claimed to be the Light of this Age and also that he is the one in whom the Light of the Holy Prophet is reflected and for that reason he is the Lamp of Guidance for this Age. He was raised for the strengthening of the faith of Muslim nation Islam will ultimately truimph, and we and you, working together, will win the hearts of the people all over the world. Every member of the Jamaat should work hard to achieve this objective. We are full of certainty that the greatest man ever born on this earth was the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, he is the greatest teacher and the greatest benefactor of mankind He is the most beloved of God. God loves him so much that He says in the Holy Quran :

i. e. O' Mohammad you should announce to the people that if they love God, they should follow you and as a result of that God will also love them. What a grand announcement it is.

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MAULANA A.U. KALEEM
He arrived back from Ghana, after seven years, on 18-7-70.

Islam Versus Christianity

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In his Friday Sermon on the 3rd of July 1970 delivered at Saeed House, Abbotabad, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III drew the attention of the Jamaat to the fact that the spiritual battle that the Ahmadiyya Jamaat is fighting, is pitched on two fronts—one is Atheism and the other, Christianity. He further declared that the battle against Christianity was to be decided on the land of Africa. Then he called upon the Jamaat to donate money for this battle and also asked sincere Ahmadi Doctors and Teachers to come forward with their devotional services for humanity.

At the very outset of his sermon Huzur told the Jamaat that the major aim of the advent of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, is that the whole world be made to realise the beauty of the teaching of Islam and they be brought nearer to the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, for a strong and sincere relationship with him. It is from this angle that every Ahmadi, be he old, young or a mere child or a woman, should look upon the world. We have to, he said, win the hearts of the whole humanity for the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him. Huzur said, "When we look at the world from the religious point of view, what we find is that a large part of the world has become a prey to Atheism and irreligiousness. For example, Russia is a very large country. The Russians have not only forgotton their God, they had even claimed at a certain time that, God forbid, they would eliminate His very name from this earth, and His "Person" from the skies. I should like to tell you, just by the way, that God has caused an opening in this Iron Curtain, for our sake and people have started joining the Ahmadiyya Jamaat in the Communist countries. (Huzur, here mentioned Dr. Asif who is a Yugoslavian and met him in Zurich (Switzerland). He is a doctor of medicine and is keenly interested in making research into Atomic Energy for health.

This he said is just the beginning. The Promised Messiah has said that he saw in a vision that the Jamaat in Russia was so widely spread as the particles of sand.

Then he mentioned some other parts of the world which, he said, are considered to be Christian. But the fact is that the inhabitants of those lands have only a nominal attachment with their religion. For example, when people talk of Europe, they say Europe is Christian or they would say England is a Christian country. Same is the case with Australia, Newzealand, Canada, United States of America, South America (which consists of many countries). Also, they would talk of some parts of Africa as Christian. The fact remains that these are not Christian countries, though, at one time, in the past, they used to be so.

Now, take the case of Europe. There the angels of God have put an end to Trinity which in other words means the people there are no more interested in the Churches (the centres of the teaching of Trinity). You have never seen and you cannot even imagine that a mosque should ever have a sign board with the inscription "For Sale" affixed to it. No mosque can ever be for sale. But, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said he had seen it with his own eyes that some Churches had "For Sale" on them. He added that once when he was passing by a Church, the Christians were coming out after their service. Ninetyfive percent of them were very old people (over

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sixty years.) If we calculate every generation to be of 20 years, it would mean that for the past three generations the Christians have evinced no interest in their religion. But England is still called a Christian country (that goes to show that the attachment is mere nominal and it is no more than a label they have fixed on to themselves).

Then Huzur mentioned three pockets of Christianity where he felt, perhaps it could be rightly said that Christianity still has got some hold on their people. These three pockets are: Spain where Catholicism holds sway. (There was a time when the Catholics did not permit the followers of other Sects of the Christians to build their Churches) South America is the other pocket—here also there are people from Spain and Portugese. The third pocket consists of Belgium, Holland, Italy and France—these are the places from where most of the Christian Missionaries spread out in the world.

The thinking Christians have arrived at the conclusion that the final battle between Islam and Christianity is being fought in Africa and it is there that they are concentrating in all earnest. The already existing Churches are being sold in Europe while new are being built in Africa. At the time of the advent of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) the Christian highups used to think and declared openly that Africa was in their pocket. But since the Ahmadiyya Jamaat has started its Islamic campaign there, the tables have been turned. The Christians are now expressing doubt about their continued existence there.

This being the case, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said: it devolves a great responsibility on our shoulders. We have to defeat Christianity. (Huzur, at this stage, made mention of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat in Wa (Ghana) with affection). He further told the Jamaat that the Africans are very righteously inclined, even their childeren have great sense of responsibility.

Talking of the way how to defeat Christianity he referred to the writings of the Promised Messiah (citing an example of what he had written about salvation) and said that the most cogent and effective arguments have been given in our hand; it is for us now to use them.

In the end he advised the Jamaat to pray to God very fervently that we should be able to bring up our children in the right way-and should also seriously and sincerely continue the struggle for the cause of Islam.

Majlis-i-Irshad

The meeting of the Majlis Irshad was held on the first day of August after the Maghrib Prayer, at the Masjid Mubarak. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih being a little indisposed could not grace the meeting for full time. But, he, however, came to preside over it when the third and last paper was to be read.

Ch: Hamid Ullah, President of the Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya (Central) read a paper on "The Economic problems and their solution". Maulvi Naseem Saifi's theme was "The Historical position of the Gospels" while the third paper was read by Mirza Abdul Haq. Advocate on the "Miracle of the Holy Quran".

In his presidential closing remarks, Huzur said that the Holy Quran is so full of blessings that one cannot encompass the whole of it. However we should always be praying to God that He may enable us to partake of its blessings to our full capacities. We should, he added mould our lives according to its teachings. The greatest hitch in the progress of Islam in this age is that the Muslims in General do not adhere to its teachings. It is for us now to remove this hitch, and we can do so by following the teachings of the Holy Quran and adapting our lives to its commands, without this he remarked, we can never inherit the blessings of God.

FAZL-I-OMAR TALIMUL QURAN CLASS

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih's inaugural Address :

On the first day of August, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III formally declared the Fazl-i-Omer Talimul Quran Class open with an Address and a silent prayer. The function took place at the Mubarak Mosque, at 8 a. m.

The presentees included the students of the class and other people from Rabwah as well. In his Address, Huzur told the students that they should keep themselves busy all the 24 hours of the day. Referring to the people they would meet here, he said that a very large number of them will be very good who will tell them nothing but good things. But they should not lose sight of the fact that they also might be met by some who are hypocrites. Such people, he said, would also come to them in the garb of good people but soon they would start talking about the things concerned with faithlessness. They would try to mislead them. The students were advised to be reciting LA HAULA WA LA QUWATA ILLA BILLAH-to ward off the Satan and his disciples. They were also told to make the fullest use of their foresight—and a true believer has plenty of it.

This age he said is the age of the expansion of Islam. This noble religion has to be spread to all the corners of the world and this great task has been assigned to us. It is for us now, he added, that we should stand shoulder to shoulder like a molten wall and march forward in the service of our religion. But it must be remembered that confrontation now takes place through cogent arguments and not metallic weapons. We have therefore to equip ourselves with arguments. The other thing most vital for our victory is the heavenly signs. It is this thing that should work in our weak hands like a sword.

Huzur then stressed the need for keeping the coming generations as alert and alive to the cause of Islam as the Jamaat today is. In fact he said, the continued life (not mere existence) of the nations depends on the maintenance of the standard of faith and service in coming generations. If the coming generations become slack, the life of the nation goes into jeopardy.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said that this class was one of the means for the attainment of that objective. In order to understand Islam and be able to put it into practice, he advised the class to be studying the books of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, and of course, also to pray to God that He may grant us the required understanding.

The Address was followed by a silent prayer.

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ESSENTIALS OF ISLAM

Hazrat Talha bin Obeidullah, may God be pleased with him, reports that a certain person came to the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him. His hair was dishevelled. We could hear his murmur. Whatever he was saying could not be understood by us because of his rural accent. He went close to the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, and thereby we could understand a little what he was saying—he was talking about Islam.

The Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, said, "You have to pray five times a day." (24 hourse of the day). He asked: Is there any other prayer also to be offered as an obligation (Farz)? The Holy Prophet replied in the negative. Of course, he further remarked, you can offer Nafl prayer if you like to do so. The Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him further said, "You have to fast for one month during the month of Ramazan." The questioner asked: "Are there any other fasts also to be kept?" The Holy Prophet said that there were none. "Of course, if you like, you can keep some supererogatory fasts." Likewise, the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, then made mention of Zakat. "Is there anything else over and above this, that I have to pay" the questioner asked. The Holy Prophet peace and blessings ot God be upon him, said, "No, nothing to pay more than that. Of course, if you want to offer some charity for added reward you may do so"

The questioner heard all this and moved away from there. While going, he said, "By God I will neither do more than this, nor I will leave anything out of it. Whatever you have told me, that I am going to do". The Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, said, "If he remains true to his words he will have achieved success."

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He is Shocked

Our old "friend" Mr. Mohammad Makki of the Muslim Digest (South Africa) has published in his magazine (June 1970) a letter from some one in West Pakistan appreciating his efforts in combating "Ahmadism, Qadianism, Bahaism and all isms". Mr. Makki's note on this letter is:

"While our compaign against the various Islamic forces is appreciated by Muslims from all parts of the world, Muslims of South Africa have been shocked at the recent emergence of the "Enemy from within" from—unsuspected quarters in this country. Greater vigilance will also be required in the future against those who while claiming to be Muslims have no scruples in becoming tools and lackeys of proven Ahmadis, Qadianis or Bahais".

Is it a recent phenomenon? We should like to ask. You may dub them as Enemies from within" but all those who are sincerely looking for heavenly guidance in this Age will think, ponder and understand and God will grant them the required courage to accept the Imam of the Age.

The Promised Messiah, peace be on him, the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat has rightly said:

لوائے ما پنہ ہر سعید خواہد بود

Every righteously inclined person will

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Notes & Comments

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III having spent a few days at Rabwah left for Abbotabad on the 5th of August. He waw accompanied by Hazrat Begum Sahiba and Sahibzada Mirza Ans Ahmad.

Mirza Ans has since left for the United Kingdom for higher studies. He is a Lecturer at the Talimul Islam College, Rabwah and is busily engaged in writing his thesis for Ph. D. We wish him good luck and godspeed.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III returned from Abbottabad on the 27th of August. He is expected to spend a few days at Rabwah. One of his engagements here is scheduled to address the Ahmadi Doctors who have been called upon to attend a meeting of the Ahmadiyya Medical Association.

Annual Jalsa.

It has been announced by the Nazir Islaho Irshad—with the permission of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III—that the Annual Jalsa will be held on 26-28th of December 1970 at Rabwah, Insha Allah.

The Annual Jalsa of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat in India will be held on 18-20th of December. The Pakistani Ahmadis wishing to attend (with approval from the Nazarat Darweshan) will leave Rabwah on the 15th of December and reach there on the 16th. They will be backs on the 22nd of December, Insha Allah. The Jalsa at Rabwah will likewise be attended by some of the Indian Ahmadis.

Doctors and Teachers

If you are a Doctor (Physician, Surgeon or a Dentist) or a teacher (who can teach at the Secondary Sechool level), please offer your devotional services to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III who has inaugurated a grand scheme for the welfare and uplift of the West Africans.

Write to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih, Rabwah direct or through the Secretary, Majlis Nusrat Jahan, care of Vakalat-i-Tabshir, Tahrik-i-Jadid, Rabwah.

Independence Day

The Independence Day was celebrated this year, all over the country, with great simplicity. The President General Yahya Khan directed that the money saved through the elimination of the item of illumination be used for the benefit of flood-stricken people of East Pakistan.

At Rabwah, prayers were offered for the security and prosperity of Pakistan and also for the continued maintenance of Law and Order. Food was also distributed amohg the indigent.

Tahrik-i-Jadid Week

The Vakilul Mal (I) has announced that, as usual, this year also, Tahrik-i-Jadid Week should be observed to collect funds speedily. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih has granted his approval to the observance of the week from September 1-7. All the friends are requested to co-operate with the officials who would visit them for the collection of the Tahrik-i-Jadid Funds.

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Naseem Saifi

Hazrat Ahmad, the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, was born in 1835 A. D. and he passed away in 1908 A.D. That means that the major portion of his life was spent in the 19th century. And this fact is of great significance to the religious historian of that period. For, that was the period when in accordance with the prophecies of the Prophet Mohammad, peace and blessings of God be upon him, the Muslims had strayed away from the right path and their condition had degenerated into that of the Jews and the Christians.

Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi, in one of his recent publications, says : 'In the nineteenth century Islam had begun to show signs of fatigue and decay. In matters of faith religious endeavour, knowledge and learning it had indeed touched the lowest point. Islam in fact knows no old age and no decline. Like the sun, it is ever young, ever new. It was Muslims who had fallen a prey to senility and degeneration. They became narrow of out-look, their thinking had become stereotyped — it had lost originality— their minds had grown fossilised, they had lost enthusiasm for religion — exceptions apart—the ability to present it in an effective manner.

The New Menace and its Answer

It was in these circumstances that God raised Hazrat Ahmad to revive the faith of the Muslims as it had been foretold by the Holy Prophet some fourteen centuries ago. In fact, the Holy Prophet had called this revival of faith as his own coming back to the world. He had said that even if the faith would have gone to pleiades, the promised one would bring it back. And Hazrat Ahmad who was the Promised One for this Age announced to the world : He who was to come for the revival of religion is none other than myself. I have been sent to establish faith in the land once again—the faith which had been wiped out of the land—and so that I may draw the people towards righteousness and truthfulness, and I may remove their doctrinal faults and their shortcomings in the practice of their religion.

(Tazkiratush Shahadatain)

He also said, "I am the light of this dark age He who follows me will be saved from the pits and ditches which the Satan has prepared for those who walk in the dark. I have been sent to call the people to God, with peaceful devices and a humble heart, and to re-establish the Islamic morals once again. And He has vouchsafed me heavenly signs for the satisfaction and contentment of hearts of seekers after truth.....The greatest sympathy that can be shown to the Muslims is that their moral standard should be raised."

(Messiah in India)

Two of the important means that he employed in the task of the regeneration of the faith—of course these two means were only a fraction of his huge task which he had undertaken in various ways—were the production of literature ture and appointment of Missionaries. In his book Nishan-i-Aasmani he says : "O my dear brothers, as I have just now said, I have made up my mind that the work of the publications should be continued without fail. After the publication of this book—Nishan-i-Aasmani—I should like to publish 'Dafiul Wasawis' and later on 'Hayatun Nabi wa Mamatul Masih'. And this book 'Hayatun Nabi wa Mamatul

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Masih' will be sent to Europe and America as well. After that, the fifth volume of Brahin-i-Ahmadiyya should see the light of the day."

As for the Missionaries he said : "I have made up my mind that in order to spread Islam, suitable arrangements should be made to send out preachers to all the parts of India who should call the people towards God and thus prove to the whole world that Islam is the true religion of God."

All the right thinking people are unanimously agreed that his books are of the highest excellence in religious literature. In his own life time, Mohammad Husain Batalvi said that the services that he (Hazrat Ahmad) had rendered to Islam were of a unqiue nature. At the passing away of Hazrat Ahmad, the Editor of Vakil said that his (Hazrat Ahmad's) pen was like a magic. He added that for thirty years he had been like an earthquake and a storm and like the tumultuous noise of the Day of Resurrection had continued waking the people up.

Indeed the writings of Hazrat Ahmad, peace be on him, have turned the tide and made the enemies of Islam speechless. The Pioneer, Allahabad, said, 'Those who have moved the world in religion have been much more akin to Mirza Ghulam Ahmad in temperament than to modern Archbishop of Cantebury."

So far as the appointment of Missionaries is concerned, there is no gainsaying the fact that it is only his followers who are to be found all over the world with the torch of Islam in their hands preaching day and night under all the odd circumstances. Hazrat Ahmad did bring the faith back from the pleiades and gave it to all those who followed him. Those who have refused to accept his claim are still wailing over the degenerated position of their fellow religionists.

Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi in his booklet 'The New Menace and its Answer' says : "The crying need of the hour is to call the Muslims back to faith. The rallying cry of this new religious endeavour should be 'Let us recreate faith in Islam'. But mere slogan raising will avail nothing." He also says : "Today Islam needs workers who may be ready to dedicate their entire sources and abilities, their learning, their time, their money and their energy to its cause and pay not any heed to the attraction of worldly advancement.....Furthermore we require such academies which may produce a literature forceful and inspiring enough to bring the educated youth back to Islam in its wider sense, emancipating them from the bondage of Western ideology which they have thoughtlessly accepted mainly under the stress of the times—a literature that may lay down the foundations of Islam anew in the minds and provide healthy, wholesome food for their souls".

Talking of the problems of the Muslims, Nadwi says : "The real problem before Islam now is not that of moral degeneration or slackness in matters of prayer or other supererogatory observances or the disregard of the religious practices and the imitation of the foreigners. These are important things, no doubt, but the real issue in front of it which has worked itself up like a mighty tidal wave and is striking directly at its roots is one of belief and unbelief. It is that whether Islam will survive in the world or be cast away like an old garment. The battle that is being fought today in the Muslim world is between Western materialism and Islam, the last message from God. On one side there is agnosticism and on the other the Divine Law. I believe this is the last struggle between religion and irreligiousness after which

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the world will swing full-scale towards one side or the other."

What a pity! Those who did not care to accept the call of Hazrat Ahmad have been so left behind that though they had started showing signs of fatigue and decay as early as the 19th century, they still haven't been able to remedy their religious ills. Rather they have continued going downward with the result that every day that has dawned upon them has found them worse than before.

Another writer of some fame and who is deeply concerned about the present condition of the Muslims says in his booklet 'What are you' : "What Muslims need today is a fresh divine cry to call upon them 'Back to God : Muslims every where.' A fresh divine light, pure and clear, arising from the depths of a sincere heart. High sounding words, argumentative debates huge demonstrations, pompous processions and thundering slogans are absolutely ineffective as far as real constructive work is concerned. They do more harm than good. We have practised them enough already."

He further says : 'A few minutes earlier I told you what the Muslims need today is a fresh Divine cry, 'Back to God : Muslims everywhere'. Such a cry in this materialistic age will be most assuredly as effective as it was 13 centuries back, when our dear Prophet, peace be on him, cried in Mecca : "Hasten ye, thou at once to God, I am from Him a Warner unto you, clear and open. And make not another an object of worship with God. I am from Him a Warner unto you : clear and open."

Indeed it is only a divine cry calling the people to God that can save the situation now. But as has always been the case, when the crier calls, majority of the people turn their faces away and pose as if they have not heard anything at all. Such are the people mentioned in the Holy Quran as having ears but unable to hear.

A Warner did come in this Age. He did call the people back to God. But how many listened to him? He said : "When Almighty God saw that the world was steeped in iniquities, transgression and errors, He raised me to draw it from this state of degradation and commanded me to preach the truth and reclaim the world from the evil into which it had fallen. So exactly at the time when the thirteenth century of Hijra had come to a close and the world had entered upon the fourteenth century, I announced my mission in obedience to the Divine commandment and made it known to the people through my words and writings that I was the Reformer promised to appear at the commencement of the fourteenth century for the reformation of the faith, so that I should re-establish upon the earth the faith, and that being strengthened by God I might draw the world by the powerful attraction of His hand to true virtue, piety and righteousness and remove the prevailing errors in doctrine and practices."

Nadwi has complained of the materialistic trend of the Muslims. Hazrat Ahmad warned them of this cankerworm long ago. He said, "Let not the beauty and freshness of this world delude you and let not the brilliancy and splendour of this house make you vain and proud, for it is a mirage and its end is destruction. Its sweetness, is bitterdess its profit is loss. And those who see its grandeur are like the target of a lance ; and those who wish for its greatness are like one pricked by a thorn. And he who reaches its top, strays from the right path. Surely its light is darkness and its help is tyranny. So incline ye not towards it body and soul, for it drowns its swimmer and is worse than a flood. And aim ye not at it with the intention of a zealous person,

void of religion. Make it but a servan in the cause of religion and not a friend. And covet not much that ye be the wealthiest of men, the richest and the most prosperous. And forget not ye the portion of your religion or ye shall get not a jot of ray. Of a certainty has the world devoured your fathers and the fathers of your fathers. How can then ye expect that it would leave you and your wives and your children."

The regeneration of Islam and the uplift of the Muslims is now linked with the Reformer of this Age who was sent to the world specifically for this very purpose.

As Saeed Ramadhan said in his booklet "What Are You" 'high sounding words, argumentative debates, huge demonstrations, pompous and thundering slogans are absolutely ineffective as far as real constructive work is concerned. They do more harm than good'.

What is really required is a divine cry. Will our Muslim brethren listen to the divine cry calling them back to faith. And will they, having strengthened their faith, go about in the land preaching and spreading their noble religion till the word of God is fulfilled and Islam becomes dominant.

That Islam has to be dominant in the world has already been destined by God and there is no reason why any of the Muslims should be despondent about it and say (as Nawdi has said) that the question is 'whether Islam will survive in the world or be cast away like an old garment.' Islam will not only survive, it will dominate all other religions and so-called isms. But this destiny of God has to be fulfilled at the hands of those who have come under the banner of the Reformer of this Age. Says the Holy Quran :

"He it is Who has sent His Messenger with the guidance and the religion, of truth, that He may cause it to prevail over all religions, even if those who associate partners with God hate it."

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have to come under my banner. He also says :

جسکی فطرت نیک ہے آئے گا وہ انجام کار

Whoever is righteously inclined will ultimatedly come to me to me i.e. he will join the Ahmadiyya Jamaat which has been established in this Age by the command of God to collect all the righteously inclined people under one banner and to spread Islam to all the four corners of the world.

Prayers Solicited

Shibzada Mirza Maubarak Ahmad has still not fully recovered. Friends are requested to continue praying for him that God may grant him quick recovery and long life to put in still more vigorous service for the cause of Islam.

He is at present staying at Abbottabad—a hill station.

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